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For: PHARMACEUTICAL COMPOSITIONS CONTAINING THE LONG PENTRAXIN
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Sir:

RESPONSE UNDER RULE 116

Responsive to the Official Action dated October 16, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the Section 102 rejection of claims 17-19 over Alles (Blood, Volume 84, No. 10 (November 15), 1994: pages 3483-3493) in view of ATCC Catalog No. 30-2002 is requested in view of the following and the attached Declaration.

Claims 17-19 are pending.

The noted Section 102 rejection is the only outstanding rejection of the claims.

The attached Declaration expresses the beliefs of one of skill in the art that one of ordinary skill in the art would believe that the Alles reference does not teach pharmaceutical compositions or pharmaceutical compositions containing